

I believe, however, I know what it was. I am a State Senator, as you know, and everybody thinks that a State Senator can do wonders. I live in Cambridge, which is exactly three miles from the Eastern Shore State Hospital, which is the same kind of a hospital that Mrs. Key is talking about. It is a mental hospital. There is not a week goes by, Mr. President, that I do not have somebody call me on the telephone asking me, "Fred, can't you help me get a job at the Eastern Shore State Hospital"?

If that be the case, then I think — I know — they should get more money. We all should get more money. You and I here today should get more money, but the point is to answer her question, that there are a lot of people in our area, very willing, capable of doing this job. They have asked for the job. They beg for the job. They even go to politicians like me to get the job and in answer to the question, there are plenty of people who will take these jobs and do the job well at the present existing salary.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the sponsor of the amendment?

Delegate Marvin Smith.

Just a second. Delegate Malkus has left one minute. There are three people seeking to ask questions. Will you make the question short.

DELEGATE M. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I have here in mind clarifying language that I thought would accomplish that which Delegate Malkus might have in mind:

If we were to strike out "this" on the fourth line; and on the fifth line, the words "section shall not authorize"; change the "e" in employees to upper case; strike out the word "to" on the sixth line and insert "are not"; it would then read, "Employees of the State of Maryland shall not engage in any strike against the State."

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, that is made as a suggestion. Will you respond to it?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I certainly would accept the amendment, because that is what I intended it to do.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to modifying the amendment in the manner indicated?

The Chair hears none. In line 4, strike the word, "this"; in line five, strike the

words "section shall not authorize"; in line 5, make the "e" for employees capital; in line 6, strike the word "to" and insert the words "shall not".

The amendment as thus modified would read:

"Employees of the State of Maryland shall not engage in any strike against the State."

Are there any further questions of the sponsor?

Delegate Lloyd Taylor, you have time for one very brief question.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Delegate Malkus, do you know that state employees are not covered by the minimum wage law as enacted by the federal government?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I know that but the state employees have an organization known as the Classified State Employees, and they have one of the finest lobbyists and most successful lobbys in the General Assembly of Maryland, along with the schoolteacher's lobby.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Taylor.

Delegate Malkus, time has expired.

Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: No, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Again, let me say that I am in sympathy with any amendment that would make it perfectly clear that the General Assembly of this State retains the power to regulate strikes on the part of public employees and indeed on the part of publicly affected industries. The problem that has arisen today as a result of Amendment No. 21 is that we are embarked on writing a little Wagner Act and a little Taft-Hartley Act on the floor of this Convention. It has been a long dreary afternoon. I think it all stems from our initial mistake in enacting Amendment No. 21. Let me make it perfectly clear, I think the law is well settled, that the right to organize and bargain collectively is distinct from, although related to, the right to strike. The latter right has been regulated by some states in their public employees field, New